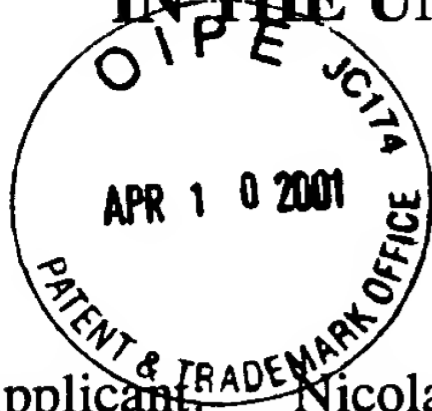


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Applicant: Nicolas VOUTE *et al.*

Title: SMALL DENSE MICROPOROUS SOLID SUPPORT MATERIALS,  
THEIR PREPARATION, AND USE FOR PURIFICATION OF  
LARGE MACROMOLECULES AND BIOPARTICLES

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2000, for which the period for response has been extended by virtue of the accompanying petition and fee, applicants submit the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-66 are pending. Claims 23-58, and 64-66 are withdrawn from consideration.  
Claims 1-22 and 59-63 are rejected. Claims 1-66 remain in the case.

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